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Miami Student Gave FFA State Creed at State FFA LDE



Landry Dukes

SUBMITTED BY MIAMI ISD Landry Dukes, a junior at Miami ISD, gave the FFA Creed at the State FFA LDE December 1 at Sam Houston University. He unfortunately did not make the finals. However, he was one of 24 kids in the state that had the opportunity to speak at this level. Only 0.7 percent of

FFA members in Texas will ever get to speak at the state level, and that's an accomplishment in itself! We are proud he was able to represent the little guys in the big leagues! Congrats to Landry for his year so far, and we look forward to being back again next year.

Pampa VFW to Host First Annual New Year's Bash

BY GENEVA WILDCAT
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The Pampa VFW will be hosting its first annual New Year's Bash on Sunday, December 31 and wishes to invite everyone to ring in the new year with fantastic food, great music and even better company. The night will include a silent auction, door prizes, two live bands, (Chad Miller & The Good Fortune and Ty Blackburn), a variety of food vendors to choose from for a delicious dinner and an abundance of drinks to keep the mood and good vibes flowing. "This is going to be our

big annual fundraiser, the first of its kind so we're really excited about it. The bands are really great and we're really grateful to PampaFest and Red Dirt Media for helping us get the bands this year. They're super talented guys and we're really excited about this. This is their first time playing here," says Rowdy Elrod, coordinator of the event. The VFW is also offering limited golden VIP tickets at \$500 for a table of eight which includes early entry, a meet and greet with the bands at 6:30 PM, a prime rib dinner at 7 PM, un-

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Pampa Boys Scouts Receive Photography Merit Badges



Photos Courtesy Norman Kaze

Two Pampa Boy Scouts, Austin and Ethan, received their photography merit badges on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Elite Eye Care Texas Grand Opening Celebration



Photo by Geneva Wildcat

BY GENEVA WILDCAT
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On Thursday, December 7, Elite Eye Care Texas celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Upon walking through the extravagant double

doors of the gorgeously built structure, guests were welcomed with friendly smiles from the staff eager

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Pampa Police Rings the Salvation Army Bells



Pampa PD Photo

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Colossians 3:2-4

Guess the Photo



Answer: Mistletoe

TRIVIA QUESTION

What country has a town that gets no sun during Polar Night?



A: England **C:** Sweden
B: Iceland **D:** Norway
Answer: D) Norway

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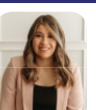
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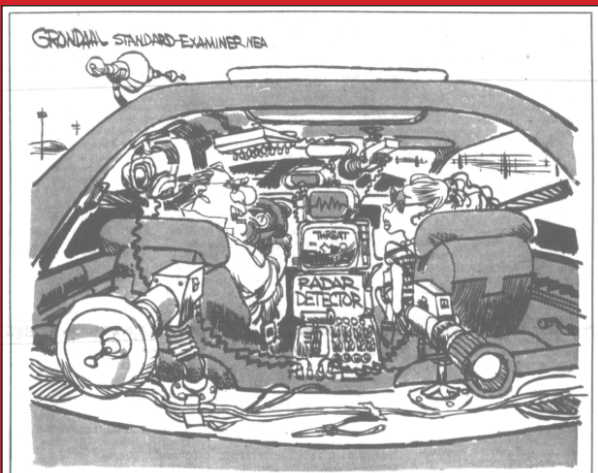
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Enjoy the Blast From The Past? The Pampa News invites any submission of photos to be used in Blast From The Past.

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Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 22. Wind chill values between 12 and 17. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 54. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest after midnight.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Northwest wind around 10 mph becoming east south-east in the afternoon.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Today Sunday Monday

High 44 Low 22	High 54 Low 28	High 58 Low 31

Opening

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to give a grand tour of the impressive facility located at 2428 Perryton Parkway in Pampa.

The high ceilings housing the contemporary and stylish light fixtures il-

luminated the showcases brought in by representatives from Oakley, Maui Jim, Europa, and Gucci, allowing guests to take a peek at new inventory and take advantage of the buy one get one sales they offered during the special day.

A new line of eye care and skin products (Eyes Are The Story) were also showcased and a raffle was held for an Intense Light Therapy Session specifically designed to treat dry eyes.

While touring the facility, guests were able to enjoy snacks and refreshments with 575 Pizzeria providing dinner later that evening.



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FOR the RECORD

One Arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance

GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

December 6, 2023

• Amanda Michelle Fought, of Pampa, was arrested by GCSO for insufficient bond for engaging in organized criminal activity.

December 7, 2023

• Rayna Marie Doan, 18, of Pauls Valley, OK, was arrested by PPD for possession of a controlled substance greater than 4 grams less than 400 grams.

PAMPA FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 5, 2023

• At 8:22 AM, 1 unit and 3 personnel

were dispatched to the 1200 block of North Wells for a first responder.

• At 9:30 AM, 1 unit and 3 personnel were dispatched to the 1400 block of South Barnes for a lift assist.

• At 12:47 PM, 2 units and 5 personnel were dispatched to the 11000 block of US Highway 60 for a vehicle fire.

• At 1:49 PM, 1 unit and 3 personnel were dispatched to the 2300 block of North Duncan that was cancelled enroute.

December 6, 2023

• At 2:32 AM, 1 unit and 4 personnel were dispatched to the 1200 block of North Wells for a medical assist.

Texas Economy Expands Faster Than U.S. 4 Quarters In A Row

THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

DEC. 7, 2023— Governor Greg Abbott today celebrated Texas' continuing economic momentum as new data released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis shows the Texas economy expanded faster than the nation as a whole for the fourth quarter in a row. Second quarter 2023 real GDP—the value of all goods and services produced—grew in Texas

at an annual rate of 4.9%, well ahead of the U.S. which grew at 2.1%.

“Opportunity knows no bounds in Texas thanks to the hardworking men and women of this great state,” said Governor Abbott. “Texas’ continuing economic expansion, well ahead of the United States as a whole for the fourth quarter in a row, is further proof that when given the freedom to aspire, businesses invest and people

prosper. Together, we continue to build a bigger, bolder Texas of tomorrow.”

Governor Abbott recently celebrated Texas being recognized for the Top Business Climate, the third national best business climate ranking for Texas this year, with other awards announced in June and September. Earlier this year, Texas was also named the Best State for Business for a record-shattering 19th year in a row.

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected in Free-Range Deer

TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

DEC. 8, 2023— Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) received confirmation of a case of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Coleman County, marking the first detection in the county.

A two-year-old whitetail buck harvested by a hunter

on a low-fenced property tested positive through sampling conducted voluntarily to assist with the state's CWD surveillance.

The sample was collected by a TPWD Wildlife Biologist as part of the statewide surveillance effort. Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory initially analyzed the samples,

and the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Iowa confirmed the CWD detection.

CWD has an incubation period that can span years, so the first indication of the disease in a herd is often found through surveillance testing rather than observed

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Rep. Jackson Sends Letter Demanding Answers from USDA on Failed Emergency Relief Program

THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN RONNY JACKSON WASHINGTON, DC

— On Wednesday, Congressmen Ronny Jackson (TX-13), Jodey Arrington (TX-19), and August Pfluger (TX-11), along with Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS), led a letter to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack addressing his failure to properly administer much needed disaster assistance payments to agricultural producers for crop losses in the 2022 crop year. The letter follows the USDA announcing misguided changes to the Emergency Relief Program (ERP), a program meant to provide financial assistance to America's farmers and ranchers for agriculture losses due to natural disasters. This announcement came less than one month after Congressman Jackson called on USDA to release information on their plan to distribute disaster assistance nearly a year after funds were appropriated.

Jackson said: “When hard times fell on farmers and ranchers, Congress made a conscience decision to support the men and women who dedicate their lives to feed and clothe the world. Farmers have struggled to deal with the Biden administration's radical economic policies, causing a steep rise in input costs and major labor shortages,

all on top of catastrophic natural disasters. Instead of distributing disaster relief assistance quickly and efficiently to mitigate weather challenges in 2022, the USDA has radically changed the Emergency Relief Program to prioritize DEI initiatives and make deeper payment cuts that punish full time farmers. I will not sit idly by as the agriculture community is dismantled by this administration. As a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and the Representative for one of the largest agricultural producing districts in the country, I will always be a leader in Congress to ensure our farmers and ranchers get the support they deserve.”

Arrington said: “Disasters don't discriminate against farmers based on their race or gender and neither should our government programs. The USDA's 2022 Emergency

Relief Program (ERP) gives higher disaster payments to producers based on the color of their skin and biological sex - rather than targeting farmers with the greatest need. This is just another example of the Biden Administration using identity politics to drive public policy. These discriminatory and divisive practices have no place in America.”

Pfluger said: “As a representative for prolific farming and ranching communities, I am deeply concerned about the methodology being used in the implementation of the USDA's Emergency Relief Program for 2022. Especially amid economic turmoil, the Biden Administration must have our agriculture producers' backs by swiftly adopting a system that fulfills the intended purpose of assisting our farm families in need

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12-9 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Today's Crossword Solution:

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Sam White's

TUTTLES

From the Buffalo Desk: Flyover Country

Flyover Country is where I live. This term is commonly used in the United States to refer to the central parts of our nation, especially the rural areas between the East and West coasts, you know, where all the “rednecks” live. The implication is that where I live is less significant or noteworthy than the coastal cities and is merely ‘flown over’ by travelers going between the coasts. You know, where all the “sophisticated” people live. A dismissive or pejorative connotation, to be sure, suggests that these areas are less culturally or economically important.



Walter Wendler

Such stereotyping overlooks the significant cultural, economic and social contributions of the heartland of our nation, its’ breadbasket, oil barrel and cotton bale that provides food, fuel and fiber for our entire country. Nobody is growing corn on Madison Avenue. You see very few cows in Houston’s River Oaks and nary a gas well or pump jack on Dallas’ West End. The artifacts of the culture of my home are many: The Panhandle and numerous states and regions in the Midwest and Central U.S. are major agricultural producers, contributing significantly to both the national and global food supply. This includes crops like corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton and livestock. “Where’s the beef?” asked Democratic presidential primary candidate Walter

Mondale of contender Gary Hart in 1984. That’s easy. He should have asked me: it’s in Hereford, Texas, and it ships beef to every state in the nation and nearly every continent on the globe. States like Ohio, Michigan and Indiana are important in the automotive industry, while others have a significant presence in aerospace, machinery and food processing industries. Texas, Oklahoma and North Dakota are important for oil and natural gas production. Additionally, the Central U.S. is a leader in renewable energy, particularly wind power. While certain areas in flyover country have experienced robust economic growth, others face challenges such as population decline, job losses in certain sectors and the need for economic diversification. Important as these obser-

vations may be in defining our national nucleus, they fall short of true regional genius. These places produce value systems that emulate the very best of our national founding—and shame on anyone who ignores the import of these values on our future. Many areas in flyover country are deeply rooted in agriculture. Farming, ranching and industry produce a way of life. Community and family, close-knit relationships with neighbors and extended family, a strong sense of belonging and mutual support are all valued aspects of “life in the middle.” There is often a strong emphasis on traditional lifestyles, religious faith and a slower pace of life compared to the coastal cities. The region is known for its natural beauty, from the Great Plains to the rolling hills and rivers to the

greatest canyon in the nation, Palo Duro Canyon, second only to the Grand Canyon. This region is not as monolithic as members of coastal tribes believe. Despite stereotypes, the region is home to a diverse range of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. This diversity is reflected in local festivals, cuisine and community events. At one church in Amarillo, services every weekend are conducted in seven different languages. People from flyover country often take great pride in their local identities, traditions and histories. They value their distinctiveness. The jewel in the crown is a nearly pervasive work ethic, self-reliance, personal responsibility and a relentless commitment to pragmatism. People in these regions are often noted for their hospitality and friendliness. There’s a sense of

welcoming strangers and helping neighbors. Many people in flyover country have a deep connection to the land, whether through farming, hunting or simply a general appreciation of nature and the outdoors. There is often an appreciation for a simpler, more straightforward way of life, with less emphasis on materialism and more on practical, functional living. A strong sense of patriotism and pride in our country is sometimes expressed more openly than in other regions. These facets of national life were cut into the steel of the Industrial Revolution through the Morrill Act of 1862, signed by President Lincoln on July 2. This landmark legislation, named after its sponsor, Vermont Congressman

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Idle American: Maximizing Mascot Mixups...

COMMENTARY BY DR. DON NEWBURY
The State of Texas is known far and wide for its citizens’ love of football. Taken a step further, names of school mascots can cause head-scratching and sometimes absolute disbelief when their plural names are discovered. There are some “doozies.” I don’t know if Trivial Pursuit is often a game of choice these days, but Googling for what groups of creatures are called can help us un-



Don Newbury

derstand why name foul-ups can produce heat when games—trivial or football—are taken seriously. The public address announcer at a recent play-off football game in Crowley between Brownwood High School and Springtown High School learned quickly that fans of both schools want “plural” of their team mascots to be “done up right.” And, since football is a team sport, the guy at the microphone described multiple Lions and Porcupines numerous times. It was brought to his attention that referencing Lions and Porcupines as being in packs or bunches simply wouldn’t get it done. The poor announcer already had much on his plate,

what with scheduling commercials, pronouncing players’ names correctly and discharging other verbal responsibilities. He may have been caught unawares. In previous games, he probably wasn’t challenged when referring to multiple players as being in packs or bunches. He took correction well, however, and subsequent plural references were spot on. It’s not news to many folks that two or more lions constitute a pride, but I’m thinking one might need to be closely involved with Springtown athletics to know the plural of “porcupine.” So you’ll know in the future, when we’re talkin’ two or more porcupines, they are a “prickle of porcupines.” Now you know, and so does that public address announcer. (An aside: With Pickleball the new “semi-athletic” game rage, they’ll understandably come up with something called

“Prickleball” in Springtown.).... Researching the subject of plural names for animals, birds and other creatures fascinates to the max. Often, two, three or even more names are deemed acceptable. In the case of guinea fowls, plural names differ, depending on whether they are on the ground or in flight. On the ground, they are a gaggle. Once in flight, they become a flock. (One of ‘em-waddling around on earth or flying alone in search of his or her flock—remains a goose.)... Remember, you read it here first.... Without leaving this general topic, let us segue to acronyms, some that are confounding and bitterly misunderstood. An example is the Fresno-Yosemite International Airport in California. When founded, it

was called Fresno Air Terminal. Therein is the reason for its airport code: “FAT.” One woman—unaccustomed to flying--was indignant at the luggage carousel, upset that “FAT” was printed in large letters on each bag tag. “I’ll blame it on artificial intelligence this time,” she said. “But if I ever visit Fresno again, they’d better ‘smarten up.’ I don’t want to see anything about my weight, on luggage tags or otherwise.”.... A former travel agent provided the previous account from her list of “you-ain’t-gonna-believe-this” memories. She remembers one guy who had super-sensitive eyes that called for eyedrops multiple times daily. The travel agent learned this when she asked him if he preferred a window or an aisle seat. “Oh, an aisle seat for sure,” he replied. “I have a terrible

time if anything blows into my eyes; if I took a window seat, someone might open a window. No telling what might blow in at 35,000 feet.”.... While on the topic of air travel, it seems there is a diminishing number of regional airlines. Though it slowly grew to major status, Texas International Airlines started out as Trans Texas Airways. It included service to smaller towns in Texas, some with population as small as 6,000. It had numerous nicknames, including “Tree-Top Airways” and “Tinker Toy Airways.” Some wag jokingly described Trans Texas Airways thusly: “Trick or Treat Airways,” adding, “a trick to get on and a treat to get off.”...

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Deer

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clinical signs. Early detection and proactive monitoring improve the state’s response time to the detection of CWD and can greatly reduce the risk of further disease spread.

TPWD encourages hunters to voluntary test hunt-

er-harvested deer in the area between Coleman and Cross Plains. For more information about voluntary sampling contact your local TPWD biologist (need a link to our webpage). The Department will establish CWD containment and surveillance zones in the area but they may not be implemented until 2024.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease found in certain cervids including deer, elk,

moose and other members of the deer family. This slow, progressive disease may not produce visible signs in susceptible species for several years after infection. As the disease process continues, animals with CWD may show changes in behavior and appearance. Clinical signs may include progressive weight loss, stumbling or tremors with a lack of coordination, loss of appetite, teeth grinding,

abnormal head posture and/or drooping ears, and excessive thirst, salivation or urination.

In Texas, the disease was first discovered in 2012 in free-ranging mule deer along a remote area of the Hueco Mountains near the Texas-New Mexico border. CWD has since been detected in Texas captive and free-ranging cervids, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, red deer and elk.

Letter

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without unwarranted limitations.”

Marshall said: “Joe Biden’s war on American agriculture continues. It seems like every program put forward by this administration comes with arbitrary restrictions that hurt farmers and ranchers in an effort to advance their political agenda. The Emergency Relief Program was once workable and effective but has now fallen into total disrepair. There is no sound logic to scuttling a good program that received

near-universal praise from Congress and farmers for a proposal this bad. I’m glad the department paused the program; however, as long as the ERP remains in this broken condition, there is little reason to support its further extension or to fine-tune this failure. Farmers need assistance now, and USDA needs to return to their old program to get these dollars out the door.”

Co-signers include Majority Leader Steve Scalise (LA-01), Frank Lucas (OK-03), Rick Crawford (AR-01), David Rouzer (NC-07), Don Bacon (NE-02), Dusty Johnson (SD-at-Large), Jim Baird (IN-04), Tracey Mann (KS-01), Barry Moore (AL-02), Brad Finstad (MN-01),

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Bash

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limited drinks (alcoholic

and non-alcoholic) until midnight and a bottle of champagne at midnight per table.

Single VIP tickets are \$125 and include the special VIP perks listed above with the only difference being champagne bottle service at midnight.

The event will start at 8 PM located at the MK Brown, 1100 W. Coronado Drive, in the Heritage Room.

General admission tick-

ets are \$20.00 at the door and \$15.00 for all active duty and veterans with an ID, and the ticket price includes a midnight champagne toast for all adults.

Tickets at the door are cash only, but they can also be purchased online at eventbrite.com for a limited time discount and can be accessed by scanning the QR code included in this article.

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Flyover

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Justin Smith Morrill, aimed to expand access to higher education. The A and M of the land-grant institutions represented the very fabric of the heartland of our nation, “agriculture and the mechanic arts,” as an alternative to the classical studies offered by existing colleges. It was a response to industrialization and more openly accessible learning possibilities for working classes: An educational opportunity that emphasized practical skills and a departure from the traditional university experience.

The establishment of land-grant universities fundamentally transformed American higher education by creating access and emphasizing practical, vocational and technical education. These institutions played a crucial role, pivotal in research, innovation and community service. While West Texas A&M University is not a land-grant university, many in our region aspire to sustain the values of flyover country because they had great power at the height of the Civil War and still have

great power in transforming a region and a nation and sustaining a republican form of government. The effort at West Texas A&M University to create engaged citizens is a reflection of academic progress in the 21st century and a

potent example of our values at work.

We forget this progress at our peril.

Walter V. Wendler, President of West Texas A&M University. His weekly columns, with hyperlinks, are available at <https://walterwendler.com/>.



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12:30 p.m.	FOX/KCIT Alabama vs. Purdue. (Live)
1 p.m.	ESPN2 Auburn vs. Indiana. (Live)
2:15 p.m.	ESPN Wisconsin at Arizona. (Live)
3 p.m.	ESPN2 Arkansas vs. Oklahoma. (Live) FS1 Clemson vs. TCU. (Live)
4:15 p.m.	ESPN Missouri at Kansas. (Live)
5:30 p.m.	FS1 Cincinnati at Xavier. (Live)
6 p.m.	FOX/KCIT UCLA at Villanova. (Live)
7:30 p.m.	ABC/KVII NBA In-Season Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) FS1 Rutgers at Seton Hall. (Live)
8 p.m.	FOX/KCIT Notre Dame at Marquette. (Live)
9:30 p.m.	FS1 UC Irvine at San Diego State. (Live)
10 p.m.	ESPN2 Gonzaga at Washington. (Live)
Sunday	
3 p.m.	NBATV NBA G League Basketball Salt Lake City Stars at Santa Cruz Warriors. (Live)
5:30 p.m.	ESPN2 Tulsa vs. Oklahoma State. (Live)
Boxing	
Saturday	
9 p.m.	ESPN Boxing Top Rank: Robeisy Ramirez vs. Rafael Espinoza. (Live)
Football	
Saturday	
11 a.m.	ESPN FCS Division I Championship: Villanova at South Dakota State. (Live)
1:30 p.m.	ABC/KVII FCS Division I Championship: North Dakota State at South Dakota. (Live)
2 p.m.	CBS/KFDRA Army vs. Navy. (Live)
Sunday	
12 p.m.	CBS/KFDRA Houston Texans at New York Jets. (Live)
3 p.m.	FOX/KCIT Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers. (Live)
3:25 p.m.	CBS/KFDRA Buffalo Bills at Kansas City Chiefs. (Live)
7:15 p.m.	NBC/KAMR Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys. (Live)
Golf	
Saturday	
2 p.m.	NBC/KAMR PGA Tour Golf Grant Thornton Invitational, Second Round. (Live)
Sunday	
12 p.m.	ABC/KVII 2023 World Champions Cup Final Day. (Live) CW/KVIIDT2 LIV Golf League Promotions Event, Final Round. (Live)
1 p.m.	NBC/KAMR PGA Tour Golf Grant Thornton Invitational, Final Round. (Live)
Soccer	
Saturday	
6:30 a.m.	USA Premier League Soccer Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool. (Live)
9 a.m.	USA Premier League Soccer Brighton & Hove Albion vs. Burnley. (Live)
11 a.m.	TEL/KEYU Fútbol Premier League Aston Villa vs. Arsenal. (Live)
11:25 a.m.	ABC/KVII Bundesliga Soccer Borussia Dortmund vs. RB Leipzig. (Live)
11:30 a.m.	NBC/KAMR Premier League Soccer Aston Villa vs. Arsenal. (Live)
3 p.m.	FOX/KCIT 2023 MLS Cup Los Angeles FC at Columbus Crew. (Live)
Sunday	
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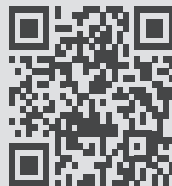
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OBITUARIES

Jimmy “Jim” Wayne Haiduk

Jimmy “Jim” Wayne Haiduk, 84, of Dallas passed away on November 23, 2023 in Dallas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors and Crematory.



Jimmy “Jim” Wayne Haiduk

Jim was born September 1, 1939 to Telesfor Frank and Alice Belle Warminski Haiduk in Pampa. Jim was the third born of four boys and was raised on the family farm northeast of White Deer. He attended school in White Deer and graduated from White Deer ISD in 1958. Jim always held a fond remembrance of his school years and kept lifelong friendships with many of his classmates. After graduating from high school, Jim spent three years in the National Guard and was stationed in Fort Polk in Louisiana. He then moved to Dallas, where he lived for the remainder of his life. Jim was employed by Lockheed Martin and retired from there.

Jim had a love for horticulture, and a talent for flowers and making flower arrangements. Jim cared for his lawn and the adjoining neighbor’s lawns. He made a show place of their neighborhood. Jim won “Lawn of the Month” many times, with the most recent being this spring. He also was a talented artist. Jim created pencil renderings of the “original homeplace”, the Sphynx, pyramids, and the Coliseum. Jim was an avid collector, with his two most impressive collections being all things pertaining to ancient Egypt and over 40 model ships he assembled himself. Jim was an excellent cook, and a great friend and neighbor. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his two older brothers, Fabian Haiduk and Richard Haiduk; and a nephew Ronnie Haiduk.

Survivors include his brother, LeRoy Haiduk and wife

Anita of White Deer; nieces and nephews, Brad Haiduk and wife Janie, and Jeff Haiduk all of White Deer, Mark Haiduk and wife Renae of Piedmont, Oklahoma, Paula Wiley of Vero Beach, Florida, Pam Putnam and husband Doug of Mount Vernon, Brenda Via and husband John of Waxahachie, Shirley McCary and husband Kevin of Mansfield, and Tammy Kazmierski and husband Mickey of Arlington; great nieces and nephews, Curstin Haiduk, Clair Crutchfield, Cassidy Bichsel and husband Andrew, Jacey Haiduk, Chloe Haiduk, Wes Wiley and wife Shea, Clint Wiley and wife Deanna, Matt Putnam and wife Sandra, Josh Putnam, Annie Ellis and husband Tyler, Carly Haiduk and husband Blaine Hall, Cody Via and wife Kristen, Colton Via, Grant McCary, Brett Kazmierski and wife Jessica, Matt Kazmierski and wife Alyson; great-great nieces and nephews, Brynli Bischel, Jace Wiley, Jax Wiley, Gabe Wiley, Porter Jane Hall, Evey Ellis, Everett Ellis, Emmitt Ellis, Brett Kazmierski II, Jase Kazmierski, and Maddox Kazmierski.

Please sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Melvin “Mel” C. Richey

Melvin “Mel” C. Richey, 83, of Pampa, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2023, in Pampa.

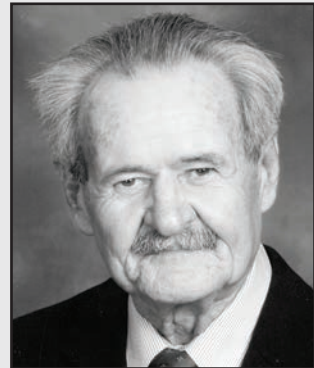
Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday, December 11, 2023, at the Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Johnny Widener, pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Dumas and Mel’s nephew, officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors and Crematory.

Visitation will be from 2:00 – 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at the funeral home.

Mel was born on September 15, 1940, in Dumas to Melvin F. and Mable Perkins Richey. He grew up and attended school in the Texas panhandle. On November 27, 1963, Mel married the love of his life, Peggy Drake, in Guymon, Oklahoma, and the two just recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. Mel and Peggy moved to Pampa in 1979 where he worked as a maintenance supervisor for Phillips Petroleum Co. He was with Phillips for 32 years until his retirement. Mel and Peggy moved to Amarillo for a few years, but recently moved back to Pampa

to be closer to family.

During retirement, Mel stayed very busy with several of his hobbies. He had a passion for pastel painting, painting portraits, and was a master wood worker. Anything that he set his mind to, he could accomplish. He was a member of the Amarillo Pastel Society, and his



Melvin “Mel” C. Richey

works were recognized by many. One of his paintings was chosen to hang in the gallery of the Governor’s office in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Another of his works was chosen to be on permanent display in a gallery in Raton, New Mexico.

Besides painting, Mel enjoyed fishing when he got the chance. His greatest joy was being Papa to 7 grandsons and 7 great-grandchildren. Mel loved to spend every minute he could with his family, and he would do anything for them. He went on many trips to the family cabin in New Mexico and enjoyed having all his family together. Mel was an amazing husband, father, and grandfather, and he will be missed by so many.

Mel is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Hardy Richey; and father and mother-in-law, Doss and Olivean Drake.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Richey of the home; daughter, Charlene Gardner and husband Neal of Pampa; son, Tim Richey and special friend Jamie Humphrey of Pampa; grandsons, Tres Morris, Montana Richey, Trenton Richey and wife Kaylye, Conner Richey, and River Richey, all of Pampa, Tyler Morris and wife Brooke of Amarillo, and Tough Medina and wife Destiny of Council Grove, Kansas; great-grandchildren, Zane, Kimber, Briley, Renlye, Swayde, Elliot, and one on the way, Ryatt; sister, Alice Widener and husband Dale of Dumas; and numerous other nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

Please sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

WT Researchers Win National Grant to Research Panhandle Refugee Population

BY CHIP CHANDLER
CANYON, Texas — Ten teams were awarded grants from the Natural Hazards Center to support studies into public health solutions to hazards in vulnerable communities across the United States.

\$30,000 grant.

Leading the project at WT are Dr. Ming Xie, assistant professor of emergency management administration in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice in the Terry B. Rogers College of Education and Social Sciences, and Dr. Li Chen, associate professor of media communication in the Department of Communication in the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities.

For their project, “Refugees’ Public Health Risks and Resilience to Climate-Related Disasters in Rural Communities,” Xie and Chen will survey at least 300 refugees in the area to explore how people from different cultures and backgrounds feel and experience health problems from disasters like extreme cold, floods and heat.

These disasters can lead to more health issues like sickness from food, heart problems, breathing issues and mental health struggles. Xie and Chen said they want to understand how things like age, gender, countries of origin and language skills

affect how ready refugees are for these disasters and health problems.

The Panhandle’s refugee population has largely been ignored in previous research, Xie and Chen said.

“Our research project will provide firsthand information for local emergency management specialists and public health professionals to develop tailored disaster management programs for local communities, especially refugees and other vulnerable groups,” Chen said. “Our research findings will directly benefit the local community, resonating with WT’s mission as a Regional Research University.”

The Texas Panhandle has a growing refugee population from countries such as Afghanistan, Cuba, Iran, Myanmar, and Somalia. The city of Amarillo, the largest city in this area, has had the one of the highest numbers of refugees per capita of any city in the nation, according to city of Amarillo officials.

The professors hope this research will shine a light on the population, encour-

aging follow-up research, educational programs and policymaking.

Previously, the scholars won a \$7,800 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Higher Education Research Funding in 2022 to study refugees’ disaster experiences and preparedness. Their project was presented in June at FEMA’s 25th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium in Emmitsburg, Maryland. They also published “Make hay when the sun shines: How community organizations cultivate refugees’ social capital and disaster resilience” in the Journal of Health and Human Service Administration in September.

The pair also won a \$4,300 WT Killgore Faculty Research Grant in 2021 to research refugees’ disaster preparedness.

The duo has established close connections with the Amarillo Public Health Department and several community organizations that work with refugee populations.

“I am deeply passionate about refugee research

and community engagement because I believe in the power of understanding, empathy and collaboration to create positive change,” Xie said. “Refugees often face significant challenges as they navigate new environments, cultures and health risks. By actively involving community members in the research process, I hope to amplify their voices, address their specific needs and contribute to the development of sustainable solutions.”

As a Regional Research University, addressing regional challenges is a key principle of the University’s long-range plan, WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World.

That plan is fueled by the historic One West comprehensive fundraising campaign, which reached its initial \$125 million goal 18 months after publicly launching in September 2021. The campaign’s new goal is to reach \$175 million by 2025; currently, it has raised more than \$150 million.



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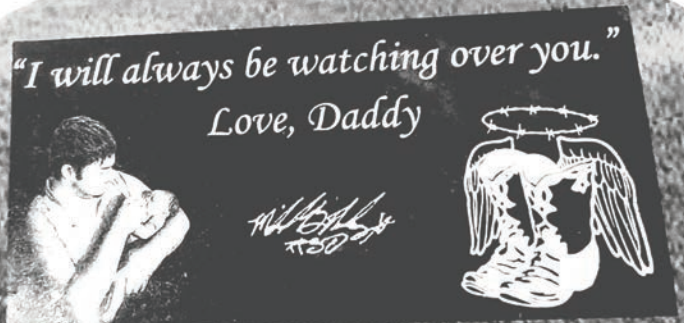
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ACROSS

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- 5 a gem found in Texas
- 6 TX Tarzan Ely, et al
- 7 Dallas FM station known as “K104”
- 8 the fleur-___-lis once flew over Texas
- 9 TX-based eatery: “Pizza ___”
- 12 TXism: “___ ___ dirt” (elderly)
- 17 what USAF has in Abilene (2 wds.)
- 20 TX Charley Pride’s “Where ___ _ Her Memory?”
- 22 TX Willie Nelson’s “Last Thing _ the First Thing This Morning” (1982)
- 23 TX Roddenberry’s full first name
- 24 TXism: “___ marm” (teacher)
- 29 TX Dan Jenkins novel: “___ solid perfect”
- 30 title of TX George Jones tribute 2006 album: “___ Country”
- 31 TXism: “___ gates” (heaven)
- 32 in Wharton County: El _____
- 36 UT has collection of poet _____ Nash
- 37 TXism: “___ ___ from a gusher” (quickly)

- 43 it gets you up in Reunion Tower
- 45 TXism for a bad defeat
- 47 braided hair: corn _____
- 48 TXism: “been _____ hard and put up wet”
- 50 TX Guy Clark’s “She’s Crazy for _____”
- 51 help needed signal

- 52 TXism: “wouldn’t touch it with _ ___ foot pole”
- 53 TXism: “six of one, half a dozen of the _____”
- 54 _____ moss
- 55 Lone _____ State
- 56 TXism: “___ dance!” (fight invitation)
- 58 Astro pitcher stat
- 59 TX film critic Reed
- 60 “Star Wars” defense proposal (abbr.)

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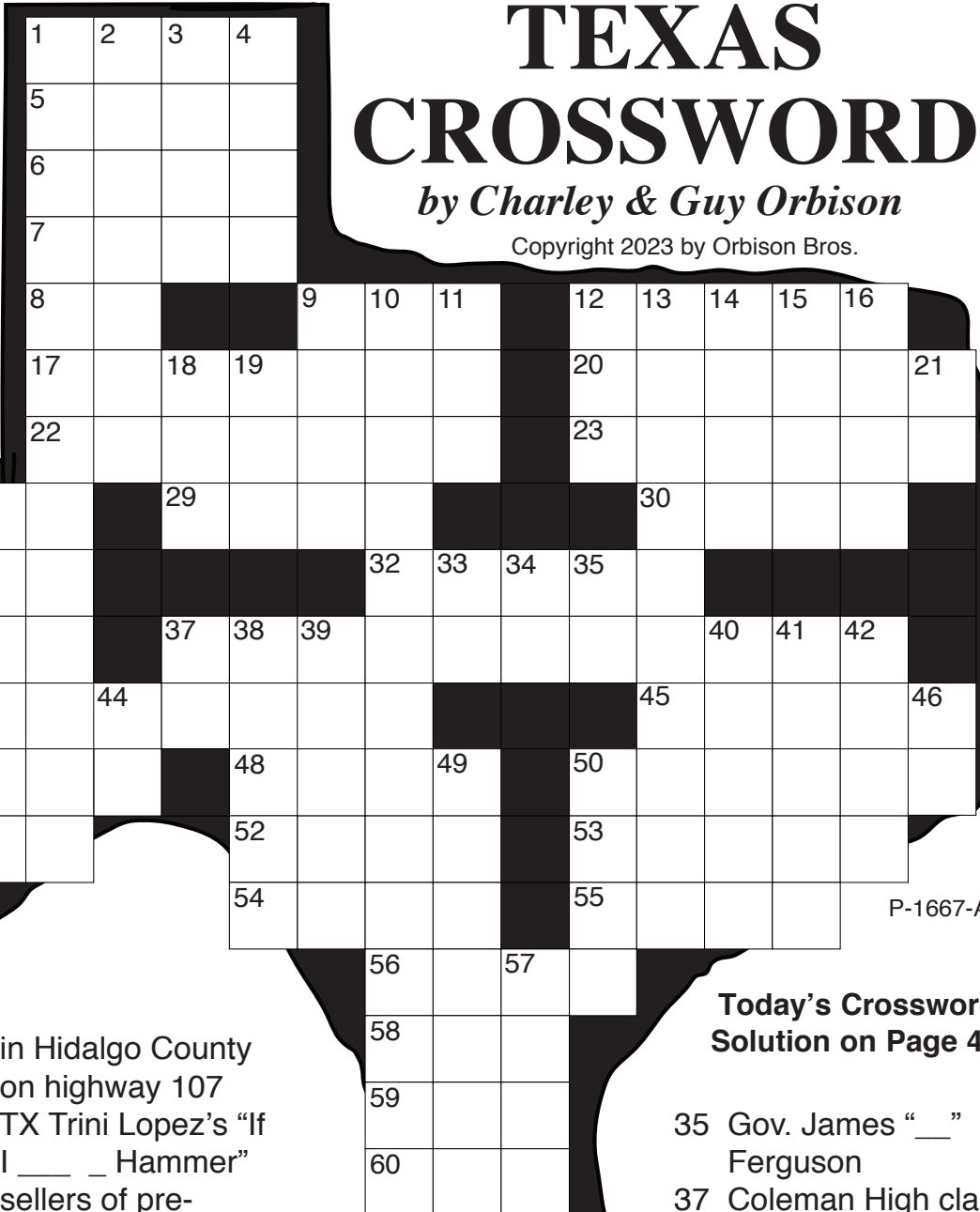
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- 2 TXism: “beats _ the eye with a sharp stick”
- 3 TXism: “_____ office business”

- 4 in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- 9 TX Trini Lopez’s “If I _____ Hammer”
- 10 sellers of pre-owned autos (3 wds)
- 11 TX senator Cruz
- 12 TX Benson film: “___ to Billie Joe”
- 13 actor in “Return to Lonesome Dove” (2 wds.)
- 14 Yo Lo _____ Creek
- 15 imitated
- 16 TXism: “working between _____” (night work)
- 18 _____ River
- 19 quilting or spelling
- 21 Cowboy Dalton Schultz pos.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Today’s Crossword Solution on Page 4A

- 24 George W. HUD sec., Preston (init.)
- 25 bidness “big dog”
- 26 nickname of country singer, Merle
- 27 instructions to A&M cadets
- 28 Houston father-in-law: _____-____-te-ka
- 33 TXism: “naked ___ a jaybird”
- 34 Dallas grocer: _ _ “Buddy” Minyard

- 35 Gov. James “___” Ferguson
- 37 Coleman High class
- 38 leather strip
- 39 TX writer Horton
- 40 in Morris County on U.S. 67
- 41 TXism: “beats anything _ _____ saw”
- 42 lion’s den
- 44 flag-burning case: Texas _____ Johnson
- 46 nurse (abbr.)
- 49 Cowboy Bob Lilly _____ the NFL Hall of Fame in 1980
- 50 Dak Prescott sack is a _____ of yards
- 57 airport transport

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

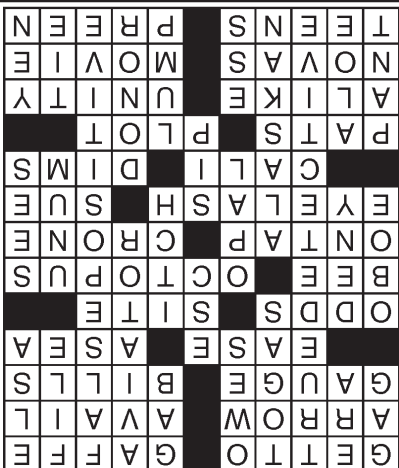
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- 6 Social blunder
- 11 Directional sign
- 12 Benefit
- 13 Measure
- 14 Buffalo team
- 15 Comfort
- 17 On the ocean
- 18 Track figures
- 20 Locale
- 22 Garden visitor
- 23 Squid’s cousin
- 26 Like bar beer
- 28 Hag
- 29 Mascara holder
- 31 Haul into court
- 32 City of Colombia
- 33 Loses light
- 34 Tender touches
- 36 Novel need
- 38 Similar
- 40 Oneness
- 43 Exploding stars
- 44 Studio work

DOWN

- 1 Comic bit
- 2 Historic time
- 3 HBO crime anthology
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- 8 Result of a faulty test
- 9 Dossier
- 10 “Frozen” queen

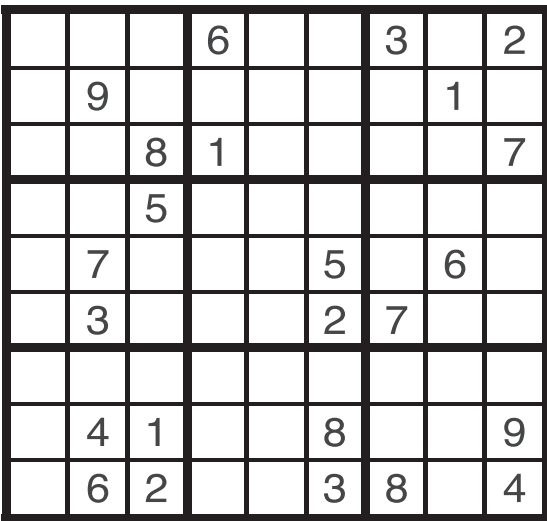
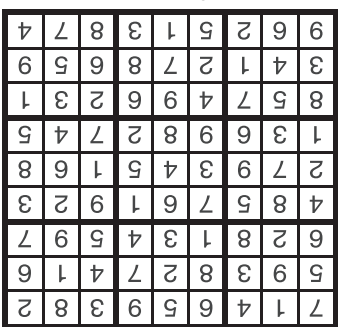
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- 19 Turn down
- 21 Longing
- 23 Milky gem
- 24 Coin word
- 25 Beholds
- 27 Nome native
- 30 Tentative taste
- 33 Cam-paign supporter
- 34 Gasp for air
- 35 Lotion additive
- 37 Oatmeal feature
- 39 Twisty shape
- 41 Bind
- 42 Longing



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AgriLife Extension Crop Production Seminar set for Dec. 21 in the Panhandle and South Plains

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■ In-person locations and 5 continuing education units offered across the region

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE
The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Crop Production and Protection Seminar on Dec. 21 at locations across the Panhandle and South Plains.

The speakers will be virtual, but AgriLife Extension agents in the agency's District 1, headquartered in Amarillo, and District 2, headquartered in Lubbock, will host an in-person event for producers, said Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension

program leader for the North Region.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at each location. The fees and lunch arrangements will vary from location to location. A complete list of the 37 in-person locations and contacts for more information is available at <https://tx.ag/NorthRegionDec21>.

"We want to make sure everyone across the region has the same opportunity to hear these speakers and obtain the same continuing education units," Nusser said. "We will utilize the Microsoft Teams platform to bring all the speakers together from across the state without having to make anyone travel any further

than their home county."

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – one general, two integrated pest management, one drift, and one laws and regulations – will be offered at each location.

On the agenda

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. and include the following topics and speakers:

- Know your pesticide laws and regulations – Comprehensive look at the pesticide laws and regulations, EPA updates and licensing/certification guidelines – Don Renchie, Ph.D., professor and AgriLife Extension specialist and program leader for the Agricultural and Environmental Safety Unit, Bryan-College Station.

- Weed control mishaps and how to manage success: Potential issues related to herbicide or management failures in controlling weed pests, including resistance, management decisions, timing, herbicide selection, application, equipment and mother nature – Peter Dotray, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research weed specialist and professor in



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The Dec. 21 Texas A&M AgriLife Crop Production and Protection Seminar will feature the latest research and strategies to protect crops from weeds and other pests.

the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Lubbock.

- Reducing risk of off-target drift, off-label decisions and updates on new regulations affecting pesticide availability – Scott Nolte, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension state weed specialist in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Bryan-College Station.

- Available tools for management of brush and weed

problems in pastures – Morgan Treadwell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension range specialist and associate professor in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, San Angelo.

- Unlocking the genetic potential of corn/sorghum hybrids: How to protect your investment and select technologies that not only optimize yield but miti-

gate risk from issues such as weed, disease, drought and insects – Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, and Kevin Heflin, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomy program specialist, both in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences and based in Amarillo.

- Updates from commodity partners.

American Forests Partners with USDA Forest Service to Expand Reforestation across National Forests

■ \$20 million agreement will help address 4-million-acre backlog of burned, damaged forests

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DEC. 7, 2023— Today, American Forests announced a first-of-its-kind

\$20 million keystone agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service to help the agency organize and rapidly scale climate-adapted reforestation across millions of burned and degraded acres over the next five years.

Powered by the historic REPLANT Act, the comprehensive partnership will enable American Forests to aid the Forest Service to quickly assess, prioritize and plan for reforestation needs, fill gaps in climate-resilient restoration planning and bolster reforestation planning by expanding nursery production, growing the forestry workforce and increasing seed collection capabilities.

Activities under the partnership will include helping the Forest Service develop a climate-informed reforestation action plan for each region. The partners will also collaborate to engage and expand workforce and partnership opportunities with tribes and states, as well as rural and disadvantaged communities.

Enacted as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

passed in late 2021, the REPLANT Act removed a cap on Forest Service funding for reforestation, allowing the agency to now access nearly ten times more in reforestation investments annually. American Forests helped catalyze the REPLANT Act, working in collaboration with bipartisan members of Congress.

"Thanks to President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, USDA Forest Service and partners like American Forests are poised to make historic investments in reforestation as forests across the nation face extended droughts, catastrophic fires, pests and disease, all accelerated by climate change," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The scale of this challenge means that we can't do it alone, and this agreement is another step in making our forests – and communities – healthier, safer and more resilient."

With this additional capacity, the Forest Service is now positioned to help address an estimated backlog of at least four million acres of National Forest System

land in need of reforestation – a number that has jumped due to recent increases in severe wildfire.

"Reforestation is an important investment for the future and resiliency of forests across the country," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "This agreement with American Forests will help the agency reduce the backlog of reforestation needs to support wildfire and disaster recovery, identify future reforestation needs, and improve our ability to monitor the impact and outcomes of this important work."

Together, the Forest Service and American Forests will use landscape-level planning and climate-informed restoration practices to advance goals identified in the agency's National Forest System Reforestation Strategy (PDF, 7 MB) and Secretary Vilsack's June 2022 Order, which directed the Forest Service to restore and create climate-resilient forests.

Across the U.S., a growing backlog of National Forest System lands need reforestation, driven in

significant part by the escalating impact of climate change on U.S. forests. Large, high-severity wildfires are driving 81 percent of reforestation need on national forests, outpacing the agency's capacity to restore these lands following such fires. Prior to the REPLANT Act, the Forest Service had only been able to address six percent of the reforestation backlog each year.

Building from the Forest Service's National Reforestation Strategy, American Forests and the agency will develop 10-year REPLANT Act implementation plans designed to bring about tailored reforestation solutions for each region of the National Forest System. This new agreement provides a strategic launch point for implementing these solutions.

"American Forests is proud to lead on REPLANT Act implementation through this comprehensive partnership with the Forest Service," said Jad Daley, president and CEO of American

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Texas A&M AgriLife Research Breeder Explores Adapting Mung Beans for Texas



Texas A&M AgriLife Photo
Waltram Ravelombola, Ph.D.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE
Mung beans might be absent from many menus across the U.S., but Texas A&M AgriLife Research and AgriVentis Technologies are investigating the potential of this alternative protein source.

Mung beans are a legume that is good for both the body and the soil, but few are currently grown in the

U.S. A small acreage exists in Texas, Oklahoma and California, but a growing market is prompting larger interest in finding varieties that will flourish throughout Texas.

Mung beans offer health and environmental benefits to producers who introduce them into their cropping systems, said Waltram Ravelombola, Ph.D., an AgriLife Research organic and specialty crop breeder at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Vernon and the Texas A&M Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

AgriVentis approached Ravelombola and AgriLife Research about conducting variety trials for their mung beans to measure their adaptation to Texas production.

“Mung bean is a legume that provides a high-quality protein for humans, and it also helps farmers diversify

a producer’s crop rotation,” Ravelombola said. “They can be double cropped with winter wheat, for example, or put into a rotation such as cotton and mung bean.”

Testing varieties for adaptability

For instance, he said, AgriVentis wants to reach the plant-based protein industry. An example would be a California company’s annual reliance on more than 25,000 tons of imported mung beans due to low U.S. production. Other uses are as sprouts and in soups.

“They are importing mung beans, and we know here, especially in the southern U.S., we have the potential to grow the crop and help our farmers at the same time,” Ravelombola said. “So, there is a potential market.”

He said mung beans do well across Texas climates. They are drought and heat

tolerant. However, if grown under humid conditions, they are susceptible to bacterial disease. They can also have an issue with blister beetles if not sprayed.

“We don’t know yet how widely adapted they are in Texas, and that’s where the interest is in conducting the statewide trials,” Ravelombola said.

Over the summer, he grew mung beans in four locations: Vernon, Lubbock, Stephenville and Corpus Christi. Others within the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences helping with his trials are Calvin Trostle, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist, Lubbock; Josh McGinty, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, and Jonathan Ramirez, AgriLife Extension program associate, both in Corpus Christi; and John Cason, Ph.D., AgriLife Research peanut breeder, Stephenville.

“We wanted to see how widely adapted mung bean is across the state of Texas, and our two-year data shows there are varieties that have potential and perform better than the checks,” he said.

Growing mung beans in Texas

Mung beans can be planted from late April to early July and are harvested in September or October. They are harvested with a combine, so farmers adding the crop to their rotation would not need any new equipment. After harvest, they are cleaned and sent to an elevator and graded.

There are three characteristics manufacturers look for: percentage of splits, brightness and disease damage to the beans. Customers and manufacturers like mung beans that are bright in color. That is key in terms of processing.

As a legume, they can fix

atmospheric nitrogen and bring more nitrogen to the following crop.

“Let’s say we have the wheat and mung bean rotation — the wheat crop following mung beans will have a nitrogen supplement,” Ravelombola said.

Ravelombola said his team is only conducting variety adaptation trials for now. They are testing four varieties, two from AgriVentis and two that originated in Oklahoma — Berken and OK 2000. Ravelombola said there have been discussions with seed companies, and there are plans to have a field day in 2024 for producers to see the varieties.

“Right now, we are growing seeds for our producers, and then they will grow the mung beans for the market,” he said.

Ravelombola said he envisions an increase in seed grown next year compared to 2023.

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Forests. “Together, we will accelerate climate-smart reforestation across national forests, helping to restore the health of these priceless public lands.”

About American Forests

American Forests is the first national nonprofit conservation organization created in the U.S. Since its founding in 1875, the organization has been the pathfinders for the forest

conservation movement. Its mission is to create healthy and resilient forests, from cities to wilderness, that deliver essential benefits for climate, people, water and wildlife. The organization advances its mission through forestry, innovation, place-based partnerships to plant and restore forests and movement building.

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Pampa Lady Harvesters VS. Palo Duro Canyon

BY KEVIN HUNT

In a hard fought and intense match, the Pampa Lady Harvesters came away with a 48-43 victory over the Palo Duro Lady Dons Tuesday night at McNeely Field House. With the win, Pampa improves their record to 6-3 on the season. Pampa's defense was the key to the victory making Palo Duro earn every shot they took.

The first quarter ended with each team scoring 12 points, in a very physical match. Early in the sec-

ond quarter, Pampa Junior, Berlin Bartlett would score on a layup marking her 1,000th point as a Lady Harvester. At halftime, Pampa held a one-point lead 23-22.

Coming out in the 3rd quarter, Pampa started to put a little distance between the two teams, holding Palo Duro to only 8 points, while scoring 12 points to take a 35-30 lead into the final quarter. The 4th quarter belonged to Pampa, as they would build

a 10-point lead and hold on for a 48-43 victor over the Lady Dons.

Berlin Barlett and Cam-bree Dyer each had twelve points, while Katlyn Magers added ten points. Cooper Hale also added nine points for the Lady Harvesters.

The Lady Harvesters will travel to Childress to play in a tournament starting on Dec 7th and then will open District 4-4A play at home against West Plains on December 12th.



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Mike Sublett's Advent Devotionals

■ Days 8-10

BY MIKE SUBLETT

Day 8 - Caesar Augustus

He was born 63 years earlier, assumed the throne of the Roman Empire 44 years before the Advent story appeared on the scene, was the face on the coins of the day and was the tool God used to get Mary and Joseph to the city of prophecy, Bethlehem. We know him in history as Augustus Caesar.

As the first century began, if you had randomly asked someone on the street who was in charge on planet earth, almost everyone would have looked at you like you were crazy and then replied, "Well, Augustus Caesar, of course." But even the Caesar of the Roman Empire was nothing



Mike Sublett

more than a pawn in God's hand and merely a member of the cast of God's Advent drama.

So how do you feel about being a pawn? You are, you know. How do you feel about being just a member of the cast of a play that someone else wrote and is directing? Since God is the chess master and the director, then being a pawn and a member of the cast should be A-OK. In fact, it should be your life's goal. Why? Think about it: if being a pawn was A-OK with Joseph and Mary, then it ought to be fine with you too.

Prayer: Jehovah God, You and You alone were the author and director of the Advent production. You and You alone get all the glory. I desire more than anything for You and You alone to be the author and director of my life. Mold my story as You see fit; write the scenes of my life as only You know how to do. I vow to play my part as You direct and with all that is in me. Amen.

Day 9 - The Census Decree

The goal of the project wasn't really to count the people. Even though the census involved the counting of the people, that wasn't the objective, nor was it the incentive. So why did Caesar order an organized accounting of the population? MONEY! TAXES!

Things are not much different in today's world. Money is all too often the driving force behind politics, laws, elections, and, sad to say, sometimes even churches.

However, be sure to remember that in spite of the stained motives, it was that Roman census that forced Joseph and Mary to journey to Bethlehem. God used that earthly governmental project to bring about His will and to fulfill Micah's 700-year-old prophecy.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who

will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times" (Micah 5:2).

So what is going on in the world you live in that God could be using? Have you submitted yourself and your life to God's will? Have you told God that you want to be a tool in His toolbox? Sometimes God is just waiting for you to volunteer.

Prayer: Holy Father, I don't ask to see Your plans in advance or even to understand them. Your ways are light years beyond my grasp. But like Isaiah, I do cry out, "Here am I, use me." (Isa. 6:8) I volunteer myself for You and Your plans. Use me as You see fit. Use me like You did the Roman census in the Advent story. If no one even notices, that's fine with me; just as long as You see. Amen.

Day 10 - The Donkey

In 1978 Disney brought to life the story of an invisible Advent character; Small One. I say invisible

because he actually isn't mentioned in the biblical account. However, Mary certainly couldn't walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem while nine months pregnant. So it isn't a giant leap to believe that she probably made the journey on a donkey.

This serves as a reminder that sometimes things which are hardly noticeable can be a necessary part of the story. In fact, God seems to specialize in wallflower people, nobodies, and invisible folks. Over 2,500 people are mentioned in the Bible, yet not even ten percent would be considered by most as important. However, without those other ninety percent most of the big stories in the Bible would never have happened.

God wove part of His Advent tapestry with priceless threads: Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and angels. But most of it was composed of common threads, this donkey being one. What is the point?

Have you ever felt "com-

mon," "invisible," "a nobody"? I'll bet you have because at one time or another most everyone has felt that way. So does that make it true? Are you invisible?

No, you are not! That is what the donkey should remind you of. When God is at the helm, everyone and everything plays a necessary part in His plan. And most importantly, He weaves you into His work of art because He loves you. Will you be a cooperative thread?

Prayer: Awesome God, I find myself all too often wondering why You would even bother with me. But then, You are faithful to remind me that the value You place on me isn't clouded with all of the muck and mire of my life in this fallen world. Your price tag is right, my perception is wrong. Deliver me from my dark perceptions of myself. And may this Advent season prompt me to see everything through "my Father's eyes." Amen.

When God Knocks: Are We too Busy to Answer?

BY IAN COATE

A teenage boy, playing a computer game, heard a knock on the front door. He chose to ignore it. Soon his mother came downstairs and asked, 'Did you answer the door?'

Not taking his eyes from the screen, the boy replied, 'I didn't want to; someone may have been there and I'd have to stop my game.'

We often deny God's existence for many reasons. Sometimes, it's simply because we don't want Him to exist. We can be so preoccupied acquiring material things or fulfilling personal ambitions that we think our plans will be upset if we concede that there is a God. Alternatively, we have accepted theories of evolution for so long we now consider them established facts - and nothing will move us from our faith in those atheistic beliefs.

God reveals Himself in so many ways: through Creation, His Word, our conscience and various Christian agents imploring us to listen. Every person, without exception, hears God knocking, (Romans 1:20). But many of us don't want to answer just in case someone is there and we have to stop what we are doing. We know,

if God exists we'll have to adjust our thinking and may balk at that idea.

God is a Gentleman! He will not force entry into our lives. It is up to us to answer the door and let Him in. Understandably, no one likes to be disturbed by an

unwelcome guest, but God is the Creator of the Universe and He comes bearing a great gift (eternal salvation). We have so much to lose by ignoring God. Furthermore, change that may occur in our life by answering God's call will

only be a change for the better.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me." Revelations 3:20.



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Pantex Hosts 50% Completion Celebration of the B61-12 and W88 Alt 370



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Pantex Site Manager Colby Yeary welcoming the audience.

CONSOLIDATED NUCLEAR ENERGY, LLC AMARILLO, Texas—Pantexans and partners from across the National Security Enterprise gathered to celebrate the production halfway completion mark of the B61-12 Life Extension Program and W88 Alt 370. This milestone marks a significant accomplishment for Pantex, Consolidated Nuclear Security (CNS), partners in the Nuclear Security Enterprise, the United States, and its allies. Having both programs reach the halfway point at the same time is a unique achievement.

“It took every one of you doing your part, working together with those thousands of others to achieve the common goal of modernizing these two weapons systems in order to continue to provide the

nation with a safe, secure, and reliable nuclear deterrent,” said Dr. Rich Tighe, president and chief executive officer of CNS.

The B61-12 and W88 are strategically important weapons in our nation’s nuclear deterrent. The work done on these programs is critical to our nation’s defense plans for many years to come.

“The B61 gravity bomb is deployed by the U.S. Air Force on multiple platforms and has been in service more than 50 years, making it the oldest, most versatile weapon in the U.S. stockpile,” said Carlos Alvarado, deputy field office manager for the NNSA Production Office. He continued, “The W88 first entered the stockpile in the late 1980s. The W88 Alt 370 includes numerous updates to address aging concerns and enhance

nuclear safety.”

Modernization of these weapons is vital to the mission.

“Working on such complex programs can be daunting, but the nation is better off as a result of your diligence and dedication. The work done at Pantex is in support of our national security strategy,” said John Evans, NNSA assistant deputy administrator for stockpile management.

The work on these two programs has not stopped. Reaching the 50% completion milestone is an accomplishment worth celebrating.

“An accomplishment such as this is only possible through teamwork and cooperation of everyone involved,” said Colby Yeary, Pantex site manager.

Bruce Woods Named Regents Fellow Service Award Winner

TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Known for his passion and leadership to others, Bruce Woods’ dedication to the fire service has earned him The Texas A&M University System 2023 Regents Fellow Service Award.

The Regents Fellow Service Award recognizes 12 Texas A&M University System employees who have made extraordinary contributions to their agencies and the people of Texas.

Starting his career in fire response more than 40 years ago, Woods quickly developed into a strong leader, earning him more than eight state and national awards in recognition of his leadership in fire response, prevention, preparedness and mitigation.

Woods credits his high school summer baseball coach, Woody Sevinson, who was the fire chief of College Station at that time, for introducing him to the fire service. After Sevinson’s introduction and a presentation from Texas Engineering Extension Service, Woods knew that the fire service was his calling.

Woods began his career in public service as a firefighter and emergency medical technician with the city of Bryan, Texas in 1980. After nine years of service with the city, Woods earned his first fire chief role at The Woodlands Fire Department, Inc, in The Woodlands, Texas. In this role, Woods served as a crucial advocate for the ability of fire department employees to be certified by the Texas Commission in Fire Protection,

managed the construction of two new fire stations and completed more than \$5 million in major capital improvement projects.

Following his service in The Woodlands, Woods took on the challenge of serving as the fire chief and emergency management coordinator for the city of Copperas Cove Fire Department. It was here that Woods helped modernize and improve the effectiveness of the department’s emergency management operations through the construction of Copperas Cove Fire Station No. 3 and the acquisition of new self-contained breathing apparatus.

Woods then joined Texas A&M Forest Service in 2003, serving as the Chief Fire Training Coordinator, leading fire training efforts and directing four Texas A&M Forest Service wildland fire academies.

Since 2007, Bruce has served as the Wildfire Mitigation and Prevention Department Head, becoming the first leader for the newly created department. Through this role, Woods oversees mitigation and fuels programs as well as the agency’s wildfire prevention campaigns.

In his service to Texas A&M Forest Service, Woods has enacted 12 progressive major fire prevention campaigns that have decreased human-caused wildfires by 40%. Woods also designed and managed the Texas Community Wildfire Protection Plan process that has been completed and adopted by 83 subdivisions across the state, impacting more than 10 million people.

Al Davis, Texas A&M



Forest Service Director, said in a nomination letter for the award that Woods exemplifies the term “service” through his leadership and life’s commitment to serving the people of Texas.

Most notable in Woods’ time in leadership has been the development of his team and employees through fostering a positive mentoring environment for leadership building.

“He is a true leader in the fire service and continues to demonstrate his knowledge and willingness to participate in various functions which allow him to share his knowledge and positive influence on others,” wrote former State Firefighters’ & Fire Marshals’ Association of Texas Executive Director Chris Barron in support of Woods’ nomination.

On reflection of the most rewarding aspects of his career, Woods looks to his involvement in developing successful employees, instructing fire and incident training, his deployment on large incident responses as a member of Texas A&M Forest Service Lone

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DAILY Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 8, 2023:

You have a lively, energetic personality. You passionately embrace ideas or a cause.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 8 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. EST today (5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio.

Aries (March 21-April 19) ★★ Steer clear of difficult discussions with members of the public, partners and close friends. They will quickly become intense ego battles. Tonight: Check your finances.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) ★★ Avoid confrontations, especially those that are work-related today, because they will become nasty. We are all entrenched in our views, attitudes and prejudices, which makes it difficult to see what it's like to walk a mile in someone else's wedgies. Agree to disagree. Tonight: Cooperate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) ★★ Be easygoing with your kids today. You might end up on a power trip, which does not benefit you, and it does not benefit them. Think about what you could do to help them see the best way to live. Don't focus on punishment or shame. Romantic squabbles will be intense. Tonight: Work.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) ★★ Avoid family arguments today, because they will be nasty and emotional. Furthermore, they probably won't even resolve anything. Instead, people will flex their emotional muscles in a power struggle, which does not improve anything and might be very destructive. Tonight: Socialize.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Although you are persuasive and convincing today, make sure you don't bully your way into or out of a situation, especially with siblings, relatives and daily contacts. Be gracious. Be willing to listen. Focus instead on fun, entertaining outings. Enjoy yourself! Tonight: Relax.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Financial squabbles will be intense today. Someone might want to tear down something in order to build it up again in a new way. This might work, or it might be too drastic of a change. Don't let anyone bully you, and don't be a bully. Stay chill. Tonight: Busy!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with Pluto, which means jealousy is likely. Secrets might be revealed. People might resort to manipulation and guilt to get what they want. Others are afraid to speak up. This is not a healthy exchange of ideas. (Let this day pass.) Tonight: Check your possessions.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ You are intense, powerful and one of the most self-disciplined signs in the zodiac. Don't give in to feelings of self-doubt today, which is easy to do. ("I'm navel lint.") Don't do this to yourself and don't let anyone else do it to you, either. Remain positive and gracious. Tonight: You win!

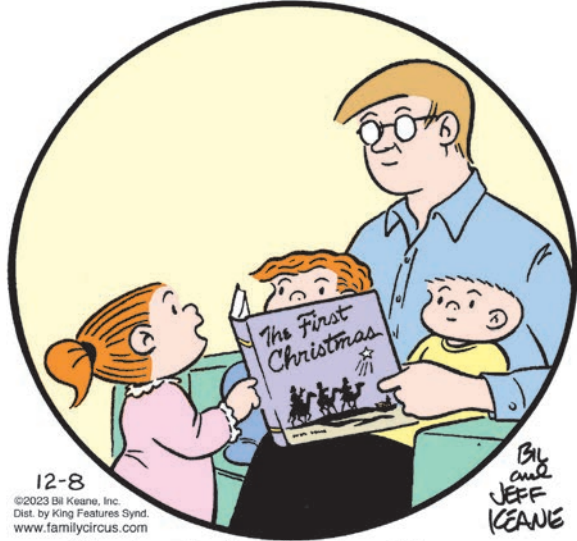
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ With the Sun and Mars both in your sign, you're coming on like gangbusters. Furthermore, you know that you can tell it like it is in a rather blunt way. (Yes, you do.) Be careful about offending friends or members of groups, especially a female. Tread softly. Tonight: Solitude.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ This is a poor day to get into a power struggle with a parent, boss or the police, because it will be a public event. Furthermore, you won't look like a winner. Things could be embarrassing. Therefore, sidestep any obvious confrontations. (You'll be glad you did.) Tonight: Friendships.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ This is the classic day to get your belly in a rash over discussions about politics, religion or racial issues, because you will feel emotional and that something is at stake. But really, it's all just a big blur of words. Avoid this. Tonight: You're noticed.

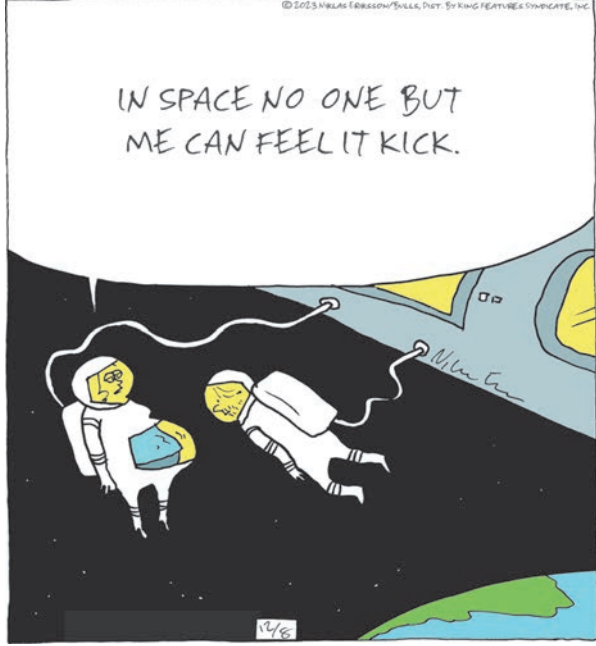
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Avoid power struggles about inheritances, shared property and insurance, because they will only create problems in your life. Nothing will be resolved. The only thing that will happen will be that you will disturb your peace of mind. Don't do this. Tonight: Explore! BORN TODAY Actress Wendell Pierce (1963), hip-hop artist Nicki Minaj (1982), actor Ian Somerhalder (1978)

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Ask Amy...

By Amy Dickinson

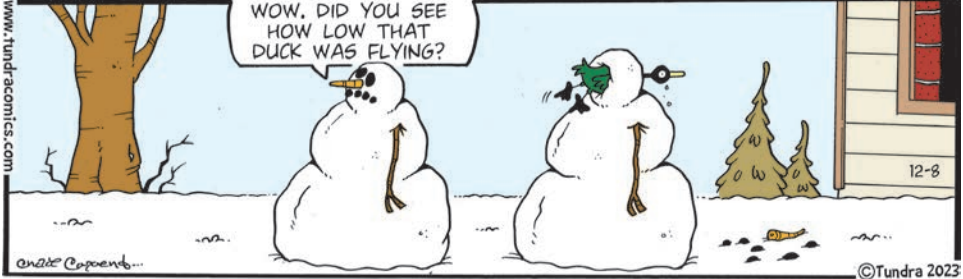
Dear Amy: I am troubled. I have been giving — really extending — the benefit of the doubt to “Jan,” my daughter-in-law, for some time. I see my son and Jan a couple of times a year, when I visit their city. I get a hotel room willingly and without question. I am friendly and supportive, I compliment her sincerely, and I find positive, non-controversial things to talk about. She just doesn't seem to like me — or my visits — and it clearly hurts and upsets my son. She is openly impatient with him and absolutely cold to me. I can do nothing right. It would be nice if we could be friends, but if that's too much I would be OK with being simply polite. I am bewildered and hurt for my son. I know that he is courteous and welcoming to her parents. I don't know what I have done, if anything. Should I ask if I've offended her somehow? I don't want to cause a kerfuffle for my son, but I think that maybe I trigger difficulty between them for reasons I'm unsure of. This is not improving with time (it's been four years, now). I can no longer pretend that I don't notice, and I am wondering what you think I should do. — Somebody's Mom

Dear Mom: You have done your best to basically put your head down and endure this, politely — hoping, no doubt, that “Jan's” attitude toward you would change as time went on and she discovered that you are a benign, low-impact presence in her family's life. You don't seem to have asked your son what challenges he and his wife are facing. She could struggle with extreme anxiety, depression, or another mental or physical health challenge that neither of them has chosen to disclose to you. So I would start with your son. Ask him, “Are there things I could or should do to make things easier for you and Jan when I visit?” Based on how your son answers, you could open up and share your own questions, concerns and challenges. Based on the vibe during your next visit, I suggest speaking with Jan privately, asking her a version of the questions you've asked your son. Tell her that you don't want to burden either of them, but that you are worried that she seems stressed when she sees you. In short, nudge the door open and give her space to walk through.

Dear Amy: I've lived in my home for five years. There is a very large tree in the backyard. At this time of year, the leaves obviously fall to the ground in both my yard and my neighbor's yard. My neighbors have asked me to give them money to clean the leaves from their yard. We are both homeowners, and in my opinion, homeowners sign up for the responsibility of maintaining our home and yard when we buy the home. My neighbors on the other side of my house have leaves that fall into my yard and I would never assume it is their responsibility to clean the leaves that fall onto my property. I am at a loss because this is not the first time my neighbors have asked about this. In previous years I have said “no,” and yet they keep asking. I don't want to start a precedent of giving them money every year, but I don't want to be argumentative. Any suggestions? — Leave the Leaves?

Dear Leave: Please remember that anyone can ask anything. Asking can be very easy. “No” can require a flash of courage, and sometimes a bit of finesse. You are not responsible for the leaves that have fallen in your neighbor's yard. (Double check your local laws and statutes.) And now, after five years of saying “no,” in my opinion you no longer need to respond at all. There is no need to respond again. Let your “no” precedent remain, like that last stubborn oak leaf clinging to its branch.

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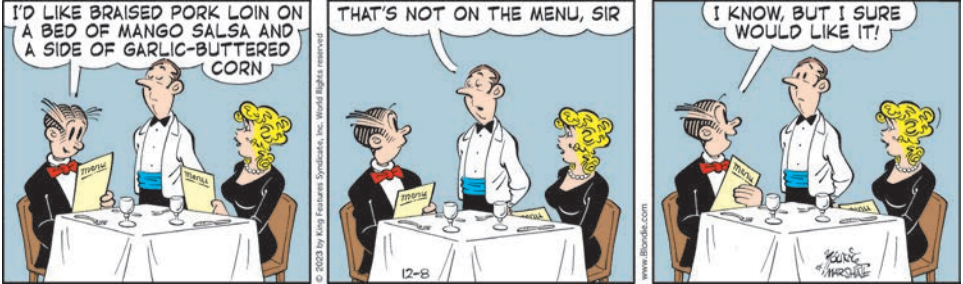
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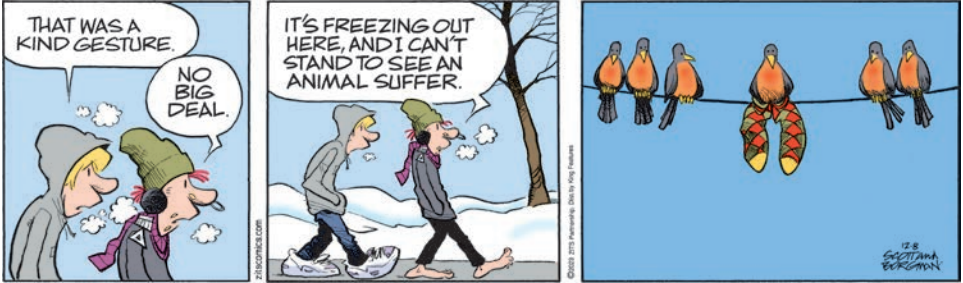
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c/o: Vanessa G. Buzzard Attorney at Law 208 N. Russell Pampa, TX 79065

DATED the 30th day of November, 2023.

Vanessa G. Buzzard Attorney for Bobbie Jane West State Bar No.: 03547900 208 N. Russell Pampa, TX 79065 Telephone: (806) 665-7281 Facsimile: (806) 669-0972 E-mail: vbuzzard@nts-online.net G-16, December. 9, 2023

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DATED the 4th day of December, 2023.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF ASSETS, AUCTION AND SALE HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 16, 2023, Polaris Operating, LLC, CCCB Energy Partners, LLC, Nap I, LLC and Cottonwood Gas Gathering, LLC, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession off collectively, the “Debtors”) filed with the Court their Emergency Motion for (a) Entry of an Order (I) Approving Bidding Procedures, (ii) Approving Procedures for the Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, (iii) Approving Stalking Horse Protections, (iv) Scheduling Bid Deadline, Auction Date and Sale Hearing Date, and (v) Approving Form of Notice Thereof; Entry of an Order After the Sale Hearing (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Sell Their Assets, and (ii) Authorizing the Debtors to Assume and Assign Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases; and (c) Granting Related Relief [ECF # 211] (the “Sale Motion”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that:

1. After the Bidding Procedures Hearing held on November 21, 2023, the Court entered the order [ECF # 222] (the Bidding Procedures Order”), which among other things, establishes bidding procedures (the “Bidding Procedures”) that govern the manner in

which the Assets of the Debtors are to be marketed and sold.

2. Any party wishing to participate in the Auction or to otherwise submit a Bid for any of the Assets being sold must first qualify as a Qualified Bidder in accordance with the Bidding Procedures.

3. Bids are due on December 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) (the “Bid Deadline”).

4. If the Debtors receive one or more Qualified Bids within the requirements and timeframe established in the Bidding Procedures Order, the Debtors will conduct an auction (the “Auction”) for the Assets starting at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time) on December 13, 2023 (the “Auction Date”). Only the Repetition Lender and Qualified Bidders that have submitted a Qualified Bid by the Bid Deadline will be permitted to participate in and/or make any statements at the Auction.

5. A hearing (the “Sale Hearing”) shall be held before the Honorable Christopher M. Lopez, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United Sates Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, on December 20, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time), or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. The Debtors shall appear before the Court at

the Sale Hearing and seek entry of an order: (a) authorizing the Sale(s) of the designated Purchased Assets by the Debtors to the Successful Bidder; (b) authorizing the assumption and assignment of certain executory contracts and unexpired leases; and (c) granting certain related relief.

6. Pursuant to the Bidding Procedures Order, any objections to the relief requested in the Sale Motion as relates to the Sale(s) of the Purchased Assets to any Successful Bidder (a “Sale Objection”) free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests must: (a) set forth in writing and describe with specificity the factual and legal basis for the Sale Objection; (b) comply with the Bankruptcy Rules and Bankruptcy Local Rules;

and (c) be filed with the Clerk of the Court no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on December 15, 2023 (the “Objection Deadline”).

7. The failure of any person or entity to file a Sale Objection by the Objection Deadline shall be deemed a consent to the Sale of the Purchased Assets to the Successful Bidder free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests and the other relief requested in the Sale Motion.

8. Additional information regarding the Sale, including copies of the Sale Motion, which includes a description of the Assets being sold, the Bidding Procedures and the Bidding Procedures Order, is

available by contacting Debtors’ counsel, Olin Adams Bartlett Curry LLP, attn. Christopher Adams or John Thomas Oldham, 1113 Vine St., Suite 240, Houston Texas 77002, (713) 228.4100, or by visiting the website of the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Cases

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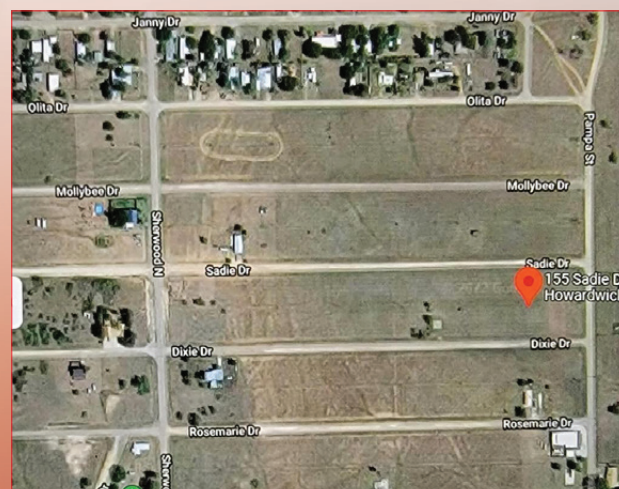
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Miami 7182 sqft - 5 ba.

Commercial Building with tons of space! This property is fenced and sits on 39,200 sqft of land. It features 3 offices, reception desk and office, half bathroom and a massive main area. There is an attached shop and then 3 additional shop areas, 2 with loading docks. On the west side of the property there is a covered parking are with 7 full size slots. The offices have central heat and air.



111 S Ballard St.
Pampa 1625 sqft - 1 ba.

This Office Building is located in Downtown Pampa, directly accross fom Post Office, One block from Main Street Down-town (Cuyler) which offers Restaurants and Retail Store Fronts. If you like reading, the Library is 2 Blocks East. The Front 2 Offices are leased and would ggive Instant Income. Make the call today for your Showing.



201 E. 2nd. St.
Lefors 2400 sqft - 1 ba.

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848 W. Brown St.
Pampa 1,206 sqft - 1 ba

Corner Property, Highway 60 and 70 Intersection, Exterior Awnings, Concrete Drive Way, 2 Enclosed Bays Areas fantastic for shop, Storage Area, Garage. Imagination is yours. Call Today to view



918 E. Fredric St.
Pampa 3744 sqft - 2 ba.

This highway Front Property is Jim's Trading City(Flea Market). The Property (Building and Land and improvementsuch as fence) plus the Interior contents are being Marketed only for sale NOT as a business. The 3744 Square Feet,(Provided by the Gray County Appraisal District) has almost every square inch displayed with merchandise. Must ma-kethe call and see for yourself-New and Old(Antiques) are all included.



909 N. Cedar St.
Borger 5589 sqft - 7 ba.

What A great property on a Main Artery in Borger. This Property begins with 8 Store Fronts, 4 Restrooms then you Have Nice Shop with Restroom and Overhead back Entrance Door PLUS 3 Bedroom 1 Bath Home that has a 2 Car Oversize Garage with Office area AND an Extra Fenced in Lot for a Mobile home or just a large Yard. This Property is located at 10th and Cedar -Great Area, Great Location-MANY POSSIBILITIES. Call Today to View



1300 S. Hobart St.
Pampa 4200 sqft - 1 ba

This Property/Business is Currently a Trucking Company located with Highway 70 FRONTAGE. The Property is totally fenced and has 2 Double Gates for easy truck Access. The Equipment list attached along with the Business and Furnishings can be pur-chased \$400,000 or with the Property as a package for \$600,000. Great Location Many Possibilities as a whole -Great Beginning to owning your own Business



1901 W. Carter St.
Pampa 5824 sqft - 2 ba.

Possibilities Abound with this Property-Great Location Block South off Alcock and has the 6200 Square Foot Lot which the 5824 Square Foot Office facility was construct-ed on in 1986 and the Extra lot with to the West. If you want Executive Offices, Storage Facility or for Private Usage this Building will Handle All-Call Today to see.



328 Frederic St.
Pampa 5500 sqft - 4 ba.

Endless Possibilities! 2400 Sq ft building, can be used as Restaurant, Salon, Convenience Store, Event Center or anything you want it to be. Has large room in front, large cooler, room for a kitchen, storeroom, 2 bathrooms. Large building in back was built in 2016, is 2800 sq ft. Several large rooms, 2 baths, upstairs storage. 1 large and 1 small overhead garage door. Has drive thru window for convenience. Smaller building in the back has 1 bath, double car garage door, more storage. Ampel parking for all 3 buildings. Call me today for your private showing!



100 S. Main St.
Miami 5000 sqft - 3 ba.

This Wonderful Building, located on the Main Street of Miami was the Original Home to the First State Bank of Miami as far back that we know in 1907to Today, First Bank & Trust. The Building has been updated thru the Years with Flooring, texture and paint. The Exterior is Brick and Complete with a Drive Thru on the South side with working access from the inside main bank. This building has 8 Private Offices, 3 Restrooms, Break Room Nice Lobby and the Cashier/Drive-up Counter Area. The Vault and Base-ment and the Extra Touch. This is a Must see-Make the Call for Your Viewing



11816 US Hwy 60
Pampa 5700 sqft - 4 ba.

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DAILY Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023:

You are energetic, passionate and imaginative.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Scorpio.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

★★★ If you're making decisions about shared property, mortgages, banking issues or debt, take time to read the fine print and make sure you have all the facts. Tonight: Flirtations!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ This is a good day to make plans for travel or further education, or for exploring opportunities in the law, medicine, publishing and the media. You will do your due diligence. Nevertheless, don't make a promise to someone close to you if you think you might not keep it. Tonight: Fun times.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ This is a good day to think of your finances. You might draw up a budget or have a plan for reducing your debt. You're in a practical frame of mind, and you want to get better organized and on top of your game. This applies to both your job and your personal life. Tonight: Overindulgence?

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Anything to do with the arts and the entertainment world will appeal to you today. You also might be attracted to sports events and fun activities where you enjoy the company of others. Look for ways to express your own creative talents, because this will be rewarding. Tonight: Romance!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Someone might help you redecorate or make where you live look more attractive today. You might entertain a few friends. But you will welcome ideas about improving your home as well as your health. Alternatively, you might choose to be reclusive. Tonight: Entertain.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Discussions with a romantic partner, as well as discussions with your kids, might be on the agenda for you today. Go slowly and don't expect too much. Listen to what others say. Use any opportunity you can to reduce the chaos and confusion at home. Tonight: Schmooze.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You love beautiful things, and today you will be tempted to shop and buy more beautiful things. This might include wardrobe items, because you like to look good. This is an excellent day for a short trip. You're keen to see new places and meet new faces. Tonight: Money ideas.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Conversations with siblings, relatives and neighbors will be meaningful for you today. You also might study or learn something. This is a good day to shop for wardrobe treasures. Whatever you do, don't gloss over details. Take a moment to make sure you know you've got the facts. Tonight: You're popular.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You feel opposing emotions today. On one hand, you're full of energy! You feel proactive. (In fact, exercise and outdoor activity might be a good way to blow off any pent-up steam building up within you.) Nevertheless, another part of you wants to be reclusive and private today. Your call. Tonight: Sweet solitude.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A conversation with a friend or a member of a group (likely a female) will be important to you today. Perhaps this discussion will prompt you to take another look at your future goals. You will admire the achievements of artistic people. Tonight: Warm friendships.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You're high-viz today! People notice you more than usual. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Meanwhile, you might research something, discover secrets or learn about something going on behind the scenes. Someone might admire you today. Tonight: You are admired.

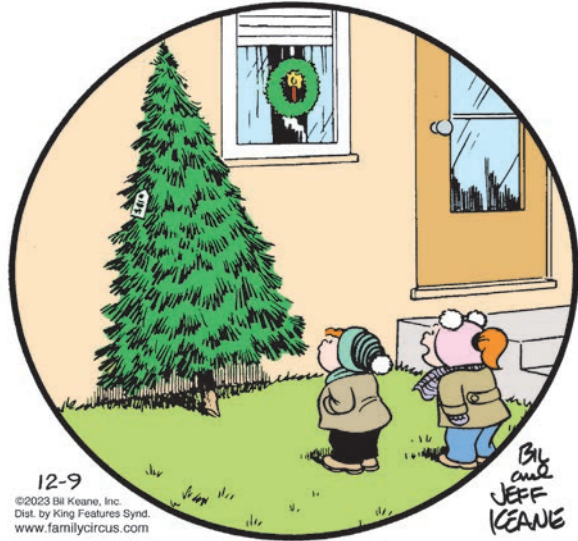
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ The Sun is still high in your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight, which means people are impressed with you. Meanwhile, you're keen for a change of scenery and a chance to get outta Dodge. A discussion with someone younger might encourage you. Tonight: Travel!

BORN TODAY

Actress Dame Judi Dench (1934), actor Beau Bridges (1941), actor John Malkovich (1953)

FAMILY CIRCUS



"It'll look a lot happier once it's wearin' all its lights and stuff."

CARPE DIEM



Ask Amy...

By Amy Dickinson

Dear Amy: How can I politely say no when friends are passing through town or vacationing here and ask if they can spend a couple of nights with us?

I have never said no to anyone and have always been gracious to anyone staying in our home, but I find I really don't enjoy it.

I have extreme stress and anxiety days before they arrive, and also while they are here.

My husband doesn't understand my tirades over this. He welcomes anyone who wants to stay with us.

I just don't like people here with us 24 hours a day. I like my privacy at night to rest and read or watch television, and the last thing I want is to see faces at the breakfast table when I get up in the morning.

I know this issue will be coming up soon again as one recent guest has already said he plans to be back in town early next year.

Houseguests unsettle me, my lack of privacy is the issue, although I make sure they would never guess how I feel.

I am tired of pretending it is fine that they are staying with us.

How can I suggest that a hotel is a better choice when they ask to stay?

I don't want to offend anyone, but my mental health is more important to me than sharing my home with out-of-towners.

How do I nicely say sorry, but no?

— Not Saying No

Dear Not Saying: Saying "no" firmly but kindly is an act of clarifying grace and, in your case, essential self-care.

Your husband is the X-factor here, because he chooses not to recognize your extreme challenge, and then undermines you by being an automatic "yes" man.

His behavior is supremely unfair to you, but if you are pretending that everything is OK during a visit, he may believe that you ultimately enjoy hosting.

The first person you need to learn to say "no" to is the man you are sharing your home with. Your pre-visit "tirades" brought on by stress don't seem to have impressed him.

You could practice a "no" with these next self-invited guests: "You mentioned wanting to visit, but I'm finding it very hard to host lately, so hosting you in our home won't be possible. I've found a number of nearby places you could look at to stay, and I'd be really happy to spend time with you during your time in town."

If you can't bring yourself to either confront your husband about this or manage an emailed "no," you will land with people at your breakfast table.

Perhaps you should consider them to be essentially your husband's guests.

If so, you could either choose to stay elsewhere, or protect your privacy by spending as much time as possible alone, especially at both ends of the day. This is a change in your expected behavior, but — you must calmly and carefully take care of yourself.

Dear Amy: My husband and I frequently go out for dinner with my brother and sister-in-law.

Sometimes her sister and husband will join us. They are all drinkers, and we are not. (They usually have more than one drink.) I don't think it is fair that we pay for their alcohol every time we go out, but my husband and I both feel awkward asking for a separate check. I did ask once for them to buy their drinks before being seated, but that idea didn't fly. Would love your thoughts on this sensitive issue.

— Non-Drinker

Dear Non-Drinker: This isn't really that sensitive an issue, and you should not shy away from stating your own need and desire to go out, enjoy a meal, and pay for your meal separately. If the other two couples want to co-mingle their charges and split the cost down the middle, that's up to them.

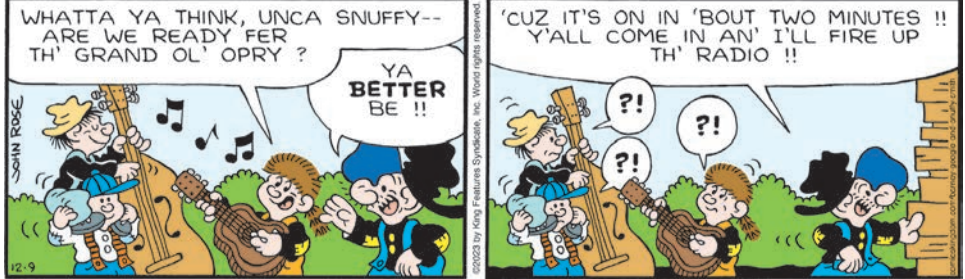
You can ask the server directly: "Could you prepare a separate check for the two of us?"

There is no need to dive into the awkwardness or explain this to the other diners. Your friends should accept your choice, resume ordering their meals, and not give it another thought.

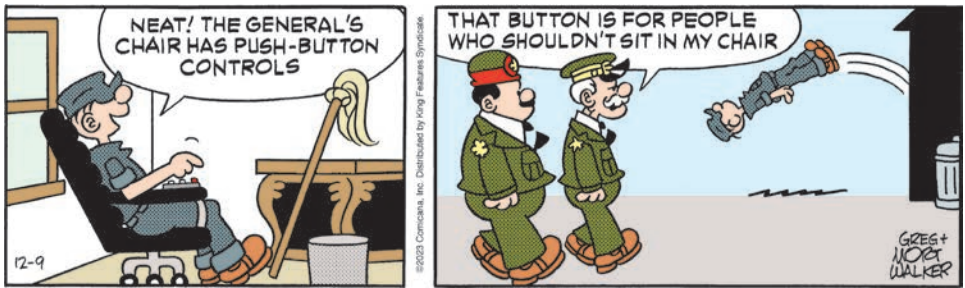
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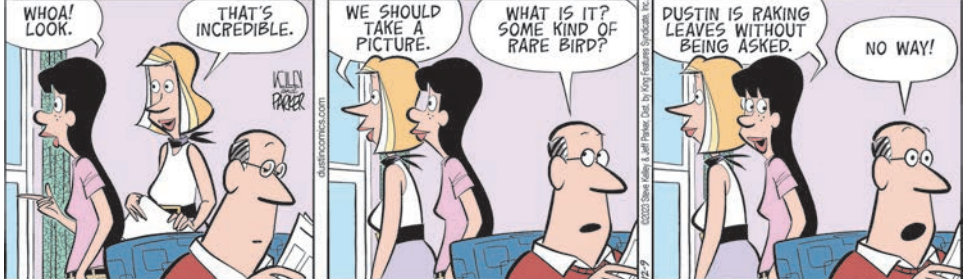
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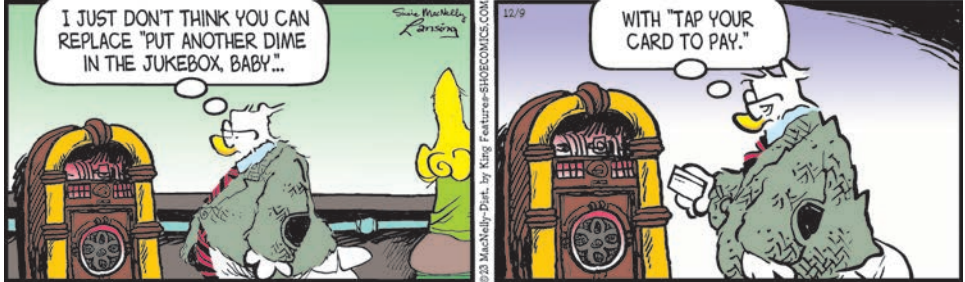
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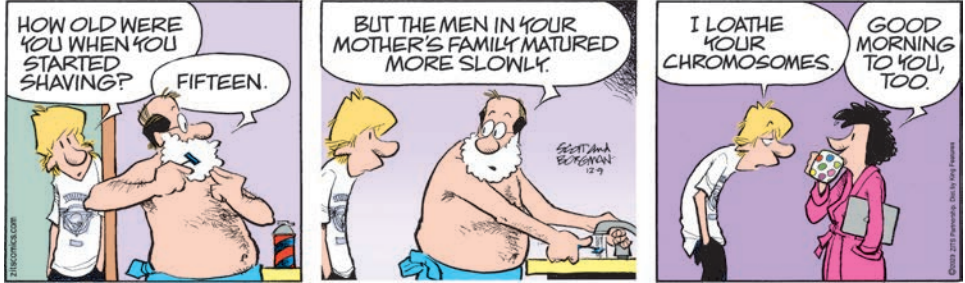
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Perryton’s Chris Samples honored at recent Texas Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



Texas Farm Bureau Photo
Chris Samples, owner and operator of KXDJ Radio, was awarded the Excellence in Journalism for markets less than 50,000.

KXDJ RADIO
Two media members earned recognition from Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) for telling the story of Texas farmers and ranchers and highlighting the issues rural communities face. Each year, superior agricultural journalism is

recognized by the largest general farm and ranch organization in Texas. This year, awards were given in two categories: Excellence in Journalism for markets less than 50,000 and Excellence in Agricultural Journalism.
“The ongoing drought conditions and supply chain issues have kept agriculture in the news,” TFB President Russell Boening said. “We are proud of the efforts of reporters, broadcasters and editors who continuously strive to tell the story of Texas agriculture, farmers and ranchers throughout the year.”
Excellence in Journalism – Markets of 50,000 or less
Chris Samples, owner and operator of KXDJ Radio, was awarded the Excellence in Journalism for markets less than 50,000.
Ochiltree County Farm Bureau nominated Samples for his coverage of local and state agricultural news. “Chris has always done, and continues to do, a great job of reporting pertinent, agriculture related content on his radio show,” David Peckenpaugh, Ochiltree County Farm Bureau president, said in the nomination form. “He incorporates important issues to keep his listeners aware and educated on how decisions effect producers. He interviews experts that cover all sides of an issue.”
Excellence in Agricultural Journalism
TFB awarded the Excellence in Agricultural Journalism award to Patricia Perry, a multimedia journalist for KCBD News - Channel 11.
Perry was nominated by Lubbock and Lamb County Farm Bureaus for her dedication to tell the stories of Texas agriculture. “Since Patricia started working as a reporter for KCBD TV, she has been covering a variety of agricultural stories. She has worked to have a weekly Focus on Ag program where she reports on issues important to agriculture, as well as the community,” Rodney Schoppa, Lubbock

County Farm Bureau president, said in the nomination form. “She has gone out of her way to learn about agricultural issues and how the many different challenges impact farmers and ranchers and their future in agriculture.”
“A special goal of Patricia’s is to educate the public by telling the story of Texas farmers and ranchers to those who might not know about the issues that impact them as consumers of their food, fuel and fiber that comes from Texas agriculture,” Ricky Yantis, Lamb County Farm Bureau president, said in the nomination form. “Patricia uses Texas Farm Bureau as one of her main resources when looking for stories, interviewing county and state Farm Bureau leaders about issues that are of top concern to Texas agriculture.”
90th Annual Meeting
For more information on TFB and other recognitions highlighted during the annual meeting, visit, texasfarmbureau.org/annualmeeting.
Woods
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Star Incident Management Team and applying strategic planning to create innovative proactive programs that directly help communities reduce the impact of fire.
“Under Bruce’s leadership, this group has helped further the agency’s mission and our key functions of building capacity of others and protecting lives and property,” wrote Davis.
Woods currently serves on numerous state and national committees including the Southern Group of State Foresters Wildland Urban Interface Council and the Wildland Fire Policy Committee sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.
The threat of the loss of life and damage posed by wildfires serves as a continuous motivation in Woods’ career as he works to implement successful wildfire mitigation and prevention programs, develop communication and planning strategies and empower his team.

WT Alumni Association to Launch Student Food Drive

BY CHIP CHANDLER
CANYON, Texas — West Texas A&M University alumni and the community can do their part to combat food insecurity among WT students.
The WT Alumni Association’s holiday food drive will run Dec. 11 to 13, gathering nonperishable food items for The Market on Tierra Blanca, a Canyon food bank at St. Helen’s Outreach, an arm of St. Ann’s Catholic Church.
Donors can drop off their items at Buffalo Courts on the WT campus in Canyon or at Harrington Academic Hall WTAMU Amarillo Center, 720 S. Tyler St.
Purchases also may be made on Amazon and shipped to the Alumni Association. To view the wish list, visit bit.ly/WTAlumFoodDrive23.
The donations will be shelved in a section at The Market designated for WT students. The Market officially will open Jan. 9; previously St. Ann’s worked with WT’s Catholic Student Center on a smaller food bank.
“Studies and our numerous conversations with WT leaders have indicated a need for food among university students,” said Glenn Backus, director of St. Helen’s Outreach. “Alumni can make a big difference by donating healthy, nutritious food items that meet the unique needs of college students who have limited or no access to a kitchen or appliances.”
WT alumni and other donors have proven generous in the past. More than 500 items were collected from alumni around the Canyon area and state during 2022’s inaugural effort.
“Our holiday food drive is a great opportunity for Buff alumni to help combat food insecurity among our students,” said Ronnie Hall, executive director of the WT Alumni Association. “Through their generosity, our alumni will make a huge difference in the lives of our current students, showing them that Buffs are always

there for other Buffs.”
According to Feeding Texas, a recent report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that nearly 1 in 6 Texas households are food insecure, and 4.6 million Texans are at risk for hunger. Additionally, 29 percent of students at four-year universities experience hunger, according to a recent #RealCollege survey.
WT’s Office for Student Affairs has dealt with hunger issues among numerous students and has begun formally tracking those numbers to get a better idea of the need and ways to combat it. Battling food insecurity also is a key mission this year of the WT Student Government Association.
WT’s values are reflective of and responsive to the people the University serves, as laid out in the long-range plan WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World.
That plan is fueled by the historic One West comprehensive fundraising campaign, which reached its initial \$125 million goal 18 months after publicly launching in September 2021. The campaign’s new goal is to reach \$175 million by 2025; currently, it has raised more than \$150 million.

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